The Five Attributes of Wilderness Character from 1964 Wilderness Act

natural

- protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions
 - natural forces dominate

untrammeled

- free, unrestrained, and unconstrained from humankind.
- not subject to human controls and manipulations

undeveloped

- a continuous stretch of country preserved in its natural state (Aldo Leopold)
- humankind's imprint is unnoticeable

solitude and/or primitive and unconfined recreation

- separation from civilization, connection to nature, self-paced activities
- travel by nonmechanized and nonmotorized means; reliance on personal skills rather than reliance on facilities and help; self-discovery

unique or outstanding features

 ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value

Timeline for Public Engagement

SPRING 2016: PROCESS & CRITERIA

- Explanation of the process
- Help us define the inventory and evaluation criteria to use in the process

SUMMER 2016: INVENTORY MAPS/ HOW TO APPLY EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Draft inventory maps
- · How to apply the evaluation criteria

FALL 2016: EVALUATION MAPS

Draft evaluation maps

WINTER 2016/2017: ANALYSIS

- Forest Supervisor chooses which areas (if any) to move into analysis
- Analysis occurs in Forest Plan Revision

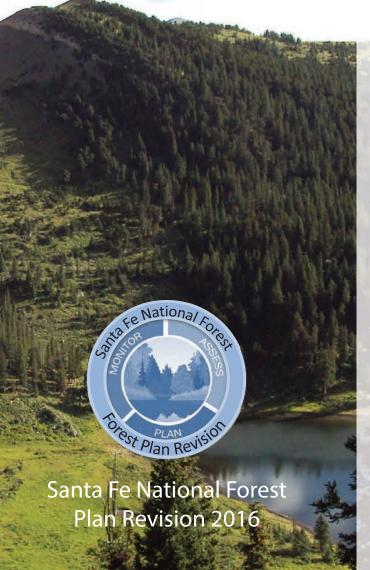




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Wilderness Inventory & Evaluation Process in Forest Plan Revision



What is Wilderness?

In 1964, Wilderness Act was passed as law, intended to permanently protect some of the most natural and undisturbed places in America. The Wilderness Act is the guiding piece of legislation for all wilderness areas. The Act describes wilderness areas as:

"...lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition..." § 2(a)

"...an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man..." § 2(c)

"...an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvement or human habitation..." § 2(c)

"...generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable..." § 2(c)

"...has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation..." § 2(c)

"...shall be devoted to the public purposes of recreation, scenic, scientific, educational, conservation and historic use." § 4(b)

Required Forest Plan Revision Process to Inventory and Evaluate Lands that may or may not be Suitable for the National Wilderness Preservation System

The questions outlined in each step below were based on the criteria categories provided in the 2012 Planning Rule and Forest Service Handbook Directives, 1909.12, Chapter 70.

What can you do in Wilderness?

Step 1: Inventory

Step 2: **Evaluation**

Step 3: **Analysis**

Step 4: Recommendation



is it bia enough?

are there roads?



are there improvements that are substantially

noticeable?

Example of public comment:

"Windmills that I can see above

the tree-line from a mile away

should not be in wilderness."



is it big enough?

what does it look like?



what types of experiences are there?

what types of activities are there?



is there anything special or unique about it?



Example of public comment: "When I hike here, I experience solitude because there is not any road noise in the area"



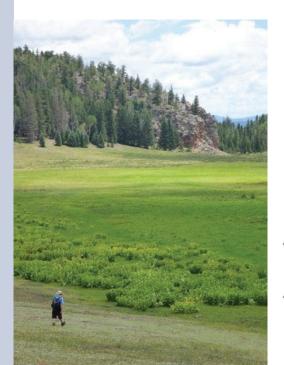
are there any effects or impacts if this area were managed as a wilderness?



are there any alternatives to wilderness for this area?



Area is managed to protect wilderness characteristics until designated as wilderness.



YES:

- Fishing
- Hiking
- Backpacking
- Riding horses
 - Camping
 - Skiing
- Rock climbing
 - Mining*
 - Grazing*
- Search and Rescue**
- Fire Management**

NO:

 Using mechanized or motorized equipment (bikes, cars, large timber harvesting equipment, drones, helicopters, etc.)



can it be managed to maintain wilderness character?

Examples of public comment: "Designating this area as wilderness will promote tourism in the area"

"If this area becomes a wilderness, I am concerned that you can't cut trees to reduce threat of large wildfires."

^{*}As legally exists at time of designation of area as Wilderness

^{**}Subject to certain analysis, approvals, and circumstances